

Remarks

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-10 are pending.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification is amended herein by submission of a Substitute Specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3) to simplify the document for printing or copying. A marked-up copy of the specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(a) is enclosed. In summary, the Title and Abstract have been amended, several headings have been added, and minor typographical errors are corrected. Support for the substitute specification is found throughout the originally-filed specification. No new matter is added.

Claim Amendments/Added Claims

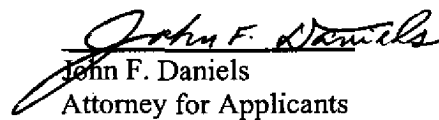
PCT Claims 1-8 are cancelled and replaced with new Claims 9-18 (renumbered as Claims 1-10) to place the claims in U.S. format to expedite prosecution on the merits. The subject matter and scope of Claims 1-10 corresponds generally to cancelled PCT Claims 1-8. Support for Claims 1-10 is found throughout the originally-filed PCT specification, and the original PCT Claims, upon which the new claims are principally based. No new matter is added.

Conclusion

The amendments to the specification and claims made herein are proper and entry is respectfully requested. Early examination of the claims of the application is respectfully requested.

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